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"Give light and the people will find their own way."

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Whistle by the Watchdog

SEN. KEATING of New York was the first to sound a warning about the Soviet build-up in China. He has been the most persistent, and consistent, of those declining on the way the Kennedy Administration has handled this hot cigar.

This week the Senator was at pains, in remarks on the Senate floor, to say our intelligence services—and specifically the mysterious Central Intelligence Agency—have been "hard at work, producing accurate information."

According to him, there is no "intelligence gap," as some have alleged. The "gap" the Senator charged, is not in the fact-gathering but in what he called the failure of the Administration to pass the facts along to the people.

Coming from Sen. Keating, this applause for the CIA—about which so few know so little—is comforting. And it helps make the point that Congress

should set up a "watchdog" committee to keep track of what this hush agency is doing. Its operations are secret, necessarily, but if the public hear from men like Sen. Keating, who is a Republican, that the agency is properly done, it can feel more secure.

Also, if a bi-partisan committee of Congress is "in the know" with the CIA, it will be less easy for the Administration to hold back facts the public should know.

The CIA watchdog committee was recommended eight years ago by a Hoover Commission task force headed by Gen. Mark W. Clark, World War II hero. It has been urged at this session of Congress by such Democrats as Sens. McCarthy of Massachusetts and Smathers of Florida, and by Congressman Paul Rogers of Florida.

The idea is sound, safe, urgent, necessary.

Headline: "Much to be Done to Improve Intelligence Service," says Sen. Keating.

Former French Foreign Minister Charles de Gaulle said that the only way to get the world to know the truth is to tell it.